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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

No. 21-7067

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee,

v.

JAMES LEE MCCLAIN,

Defendant - Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, at Raleigh. Louise W. Flanagan, District Judge. (5:18-cr-00250-FL-1)

Submitted: December 16, 2021   Decided: December 20, 2021

Before WYNN and RICHARDSON, Circuit Judges, and KEENAN, Senior Circuit Judge.

Affirmed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

James Lee McClain, Appellant Pro Se. David A. Bragdon, Assistant United States Attorney, Jennifer P. May-Parker, Assistant United States Attorney, Joshua L. Rogers, Assistant United States Attorney, OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, Raleigh, North Carolina, for Appellee.

Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.

PER CURIAM:

James Lee McClain appeals the district court's order denying his motion for compassionate release under 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(1)(A)(i), as amended by the First Step Act of 2018, Pub. L. No. 115-391, § 603(b)(1), 132 Stat. 5194, 5239. We have reviewed the record and conclude that the district court did not abuse its discretion in denying McClain's motion. *See United States v. Kibble*, 992 F.3d 326, 329 (4th Cir. 2021) (stating standard of review), *cert. denied*, 21-5624, 2021 WL 4733616 (U.S. Oct. 12, 2021); *see also United States v. High*, 997 F.3d 181, 189 (4th Cir. 2021) (affirming district court's order denying compassionate release where "[t]he court's rationale . . . was both rational and legitimate under [18 U.S.C. § 3553(a)]" and "the court sufficiently explained its denial to allow for meaningful appellate review" (internal quotation marks omitted)). Accordingly, we affirm for the reasons stated by the district court. *United States v. McClain*, No. 5:18-cr-00250-FL-1 (E.D.N.C. July 9, 2021). We dispense with oral argument because the facts and legal contentions are adequately presented in the materials before this court and argument would not aid the decisional process.

AFFIRMED